GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the rural subscribers living in the vicinity of a urban exchange have to pay charges as per the urban norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to change the definition of urban and rural exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Subscribers living in areas classified as rural in the Census Report are to pay as per tariff for rural areas and is independent of the location of the exchange which serves them.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Classification of exchanges as urban and rural has no linkage with the application of tariff to rural and urban subscribers.